

R E M A R K S

This is in response to the Office Action that was mailed on March 26, 2003. Claims 23-74 remain in the application.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's withdrawal of the requirement for restriction as to Groups VI and VII.

In response to the requirement for election of species, Applicants elect the species identified by the Examiner as species A): gas generating compositions with a guanidine derivative fuel. Claims 23-41 and 48-74 read on the elected species.

Objection was raised to the form of claims 72-74. That objection is obviated by the present amendment of claims 72 and 73.

Should there be any outstanding issues to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Richard Gallagher (Reg. No. 28,781) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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72. (twice amended) An inflator for an air bag using the gas generating composition as claimed in any one of Claims 23-26, 29, or [and] 30.

73. (twice amended) A molded article in the form of a single-perforated cylinder, a porous cylinder, or pellets, the molded article being obtained from the gas generating composition as claimed in any one of Claims 23-26, 29, or [and] 30.